

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-5 are pending. Claims 2, 4 and 5 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been revised to include the feature of claim 2. Claims 6-8 have been added. See, for example, Fig. 2A, which illustrates multiple rows of projections 70, with projections in one row being aligned with projections in another row, and projections on one side of the center line C being inclined in one direction and those on the other side being inclined in an opposite direction.

The rejection of claims 4 and 5 is rendered moot by the cancellation of those claims. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection.

The rejection of claim 1 is rendered moot by the inclusion of the features of claim 2, which was not subject to the rejection, in claim 1. Applicants again are not conceding the correctness of the rejection. The new claims 6-8 depend directly or ultimately from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

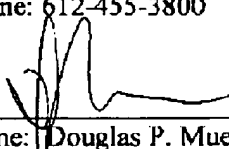
Applicants note that the Office Action seems to treat claim 3 as being multiply dependent. However, the multiple dependency was removed by Preliminary Amendment. Correction of the PTO records and a refund of any multiple dependency fee that was charged are requested.

In view of the above, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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